

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 98-9-8**

Date Prepared: September 3, 1998
For Work Week Commencing: September 7, 1998
Business Meeting: September 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, placed on the state electronic bulletin board, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. City of Helena Docket N98.8.189 – City of Helena application for Electric Supplier License – Discuss/act on application (9/9/98)
2. Mountain Water Docket D98.5.104 – Mountain Water Interim – Review Mountain Water Interim Order (9/9/98)
3. PSC Docket D98.6.149 – Inquiry into repeal of 69-4-511, MCA (Maintenance of water service lines) – Discuss the response to the NOI and decide what to do (9/9/98)
4. Natural Gas Suppliers Licensing – Discussion, direction, and action as necessary on all pending natural gas supplier licenses (9/9/98)

5. AT&T Docket N98.8.181 – AT&T tariff filing / digital link local exchange service – To act on AT&T's filing (which was approved on an interim basis) and suggest some changes to some of the tariff language. We anticipate a proposed order (9/9/98)
6. Legislative report directed by SB89 – Discussion of SB89 Universal Service and Universal Access reporting requirements and staff authorization to begin collecting information and preparing draft report (9/9/98)
7. USWC Docket N98.8.187 – USWC Competitive Zone Pricing – Wibaux – Act on tariff filing (9/9/98)
8. USWC Docket D98.8.192 – USWC Omnibus pricing docket – Discuss and get Commission approval of a revised notice (9/9/98)
9. USWC Docket N98.6.132 – USWC tariff transmittal 98-29 "Centrex 21-Rate Group Structure – Discuss and act on tariff changes (9/9/98)
10. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – USWC 271 Compliance – Discussion on special master decision, action as necessary, if necessary (9/9/98)
11. USWC Docket D97.5.87 – USWC's 271 application – 271 matters as they arise, including continuation of this week's discussion about the matrix substitute (9/9/98)
12. Washinton UTC petition to FCC concerning service areas different than study areas – Discuss filing something to support the WUTC petition (9/9/98)
13. Commissioner/ACT - Travel – Staff out-of-state travel (9/9/98)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda.

1. CENTURYTEL – Docket N98.9.195 (Tina)

On August 31, 1998, CenturyTel filed Tariff Advice No. 98-9 to introduce a promotional offering in which the non-recurring charge will be waived when customers subscribe to additional residential or business lines at the same premise.

2. Central Montana Communications, Inc. N98.8.193 (Bonnie)

On August 27, 1998, Central Montana Communications, Inc. filed an application for the release of a new service, pursuant to 69-3-810. CMC proposes to offer Custom Local Area Signaling Services (CLASS) and Voice Mail on a detariffed basis.

3. Central Montana Communications, Inc. N98.8.194 (Bonnie)

On August 27, 1998, Central Montana Communications, Inc., filed tariff modifications implementing charges for additional costs of construction for service at electric substation facilities; 2) eliminating the business rate differential in the custom calling services; and 3) amending various internet service charges.

4. HOT SPRINGS TELEPHONE COMPANY – Docket N98.9.196 (Vicki)

On September 1, 1998, Hot Springs Telephone Company filed tariff pages to lower the minimum recurring rates for basic internet access; delete the "E Mail Only" account option; and add rates for "High Speed Internet Access" service.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 98-9-14

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Hot Springs Telephone Company – N98.9.196 (Vicki)

New Filings Received in Past Week

N98.8.193 – Central Montana Telecommunications – New Tariff filings

N98.8.194 – Central Montana Telecommunications – Modified Tariff filings

N98.8.195 – CenturyTel – Tariff 98-9 Intro of Promo offer

N98.9.196 – Hot Springs Telephone Co – Tariff revisions

N98.9.197 – Town of Philipsburg – App for final electricity suppliers license